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State Superintendent of Public Instruction

May 25, 2001

Dear County and District Superintendents:

HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT OF 2000 (Assembly Bill 2260)

The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 (Assembly Bill 2260) became effective January 1, 2001. It codifies the Department of Pesticide Regulation's (DPR) existing voluntary School Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program, and adds new requirements to Education Code sections 17608-17613 regarding pesticides. The new provisions pertain to notification, posting, and record keeping requirements for schools. In addition, Food and Agricultural Code sections 13180-13188 include new requirements pertaining to enhanced pesticide use reporting for licensed pest control businesses.

The new laws require each school district annually to provide to all staff and parents or guardians of pupils enrolled at a school written notification addressing (among other things) expected pesticide use. The laws also require each school district to post warning signs prior to the application of pesticides at a school site. I encourage you to become familiar with the new laws and to comply with the new requirements.

Each school district is required to appoint a "school designee," also known as the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordinator. The IPM Coordinator is responsible for carrying out the requirements of Assembly Bill 2260 at the schools within their district. Typically an IPM Coordinator would be the director of maintenance and operations, and would train staff regarding IPM practices. Because IPM also includes sanitation measures, the IPM Coordinator will deal with more than pesticide applications.

Please identify your school district IPM Coordinator and notify the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) by June 8, 2001. You may contact Dr. Nita Davidson at DPR by telephone at (916) 324-4272, by e-mail at (school_ipm@empm.cdpr.ca.gov) or in writing at DPR, Pest Management and Licensing Branch, P.O. Box 4015, Sacramento, CA 95812-4015.

DPR has posted information about its School IPM Program and the Healthy Schools Act of 2000 (Assembly Bill 2260) on its home page. See DPR's website, www.cdpr.ca.gov, and click on the School IPM link. DPR provides this information to assist school districts with the requirements of Assembly Bill 2260, and to provide parents and others general information about these activities. The DPR site is also linked to the California Department of Education (CDE), School Facilities Planning Division (SFPD) website.

DPR's website includes a program overview; a summary of pest management policies, programs, and practices in selected California public school districts; a sample information sheet about Assembly Bill 2260; a sample letter explaining written notification about expected pesticide use and

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registry; sample annual notification of pesticide use; a sample notice for specific pesticide application; and a sample pesticide application sign for a posting. You may download any of these sample documents.

DPR's website also provides other useful information, such as links to DPR's Registration Branch Chemical Ingredients database; links to other web pages with information about school IPM program, policies, and IPM practices; and links to Material Safety Data Sheets for specific pesticides. DPR plans to continually update and improve the school IPM resources provided on its website.

You may request a copy of these documents in writing from the mailing address shown on the previous page for the DPR Pest Management and Licensing Branch. If you have questions or would like further information about this program, please contact Dr. Davidson at DPR at (916) 324-4100. If you have any questions for CDE please contact Tony Hesch, School Facilities Planning Division at (916) 445-8002. General pesticide safety questions should be directed to your local County Agricultural Commissioner's office.

The following documents are enclosed:

1. AB 2260
2. DPR overview of school IPM Program
3. DPR School IPM Program website information
4. DPR sample information sheet for parents
5. DPR sample annual written notification letter to parents or guardians
6. DPR sample specific pesticide application and notice to parents or guardians
7. DPR sample pesticide application sign for posting.

Thank you for helping make our schools safer for students, staff, and visitors.

Sincerely,



DELAINE EASTIN
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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cc: Nita Davidson, DPR
School District Business Managers

Enclosures

Assembly Bill No. 2260

CHAPTER 718

An act to add Section 48980.3 to, and to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 17608) to Chapter 5 of Part 10.5 of, the Education Code, and to add Article 17 (commencing with Section 13180) to Chapter 2 of Division 7 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to school safety.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2260, Shelley. School safety.

Under existing law, the Department of Pesticide Regulation has primary responsibility for enforcing pesticide laws and regulations. Existing law establishes and maintains various programs to promote health and prevent disease.

This bill would establish the Healthy Schools Act of 2000. The bill would require that the preferred method of managing pests at schoolsites be effective least toxic pest management practices and would further require that the state take the necessary steps, pursuant to specified provisions, to facilitate the adoption of effective least management practices at schoolsites. The bill would require each schoolsite to maintain records of all pesticide use at the schoolsite for a period of 4 years and make the records available to the public upon request, thus imposing a state-mandated local program. The bill would require that licensed and certified pest control operators include information on any school pesticide application that they perform as part of their otherwise applicable pesticide use reporting requirements.

The bill would require, on an annual basis, the school district designee to provide to all staff and parents or guardians of pupils enrolled at a school written notification addressing, among other things, expected pesticide use, thus imposing a state-mandated local program. The bill would require that the recipients be afforded the opportunity to register with the school district to receive information regarding individual pesticide applications. The bill would require the school district designee to post warning signs prior to application of pesticides at a schoolsite, thus imposing a state-mandated local program.

The bill would require the Department of Pesticide Regulation to promote and facilitate the voluntary adoption of integrated pest management programs as specified, maintain an internet website, and establish an integrated pest management training program. The

bill would provide definitions of terms for the Healthy Schools Act of 2000.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 4 (commencing with Section 17608) is added to Chapter 5 of Part 10.5 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 4. Healthy Schools Act of 2000

17608. This article, Article 17 (commencing with Section 13180) of Chapter 2 of Division 7 of the Food and Agricultural Code, and Article 2 (commencing with Section 105500) of Chapter 76 of Division 103 of the Health and Safety Code, shall be known and cited as the Healthy Schools Act of 2000.

17609. The definitions set forth in this section govern the construction of this article unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Antimicrobial" means those pesticides defined by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136(mm)).

(b) "Crack and crevice treatment" means the application of small quantities of a pesticide consistent with labeling instructions in a building into openings such as those commonly found at expansion joints, between levels of construction and between equipment and floors.

(c) "Emergency conditions" means any circumstances in which the school district designee deems that the immediate use of a pesticide is necessary to protect the health and safety of pupils, staff, or other persons, or the schoolsite.

(d) "School district designee" means the individual identified by the school district to carry out the requirements of this article at the schoolsite.

(e) "Schoolsite" means any facility used for public day care, kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school purposes. The term includes the buildings or structures, playgrounds, athletic fields,

school vehicles, or any other area of school property visited or used by pupils. "Schoolsite" does not include any postsecondary educational facility attended by secondary pupils or private day care or school facilities.

17610. It is the policy of the state that effective least toxic pest management practices should be the preferred method of managing pests at schoolsites and that the state, in order to reduce children's exposure to toxic pesticides, shall take the necessary steps, pursuant to Article 17 (commencing with Section 13180) of Chapter 2 of Division 7 of the Food and Agricultural Code, to facilitate the adoption of effective least toxic pest management practices at schoolsites. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage appropriate training to be provided to school personnel involved in the application of pesticide at a schoolsite.

17610.5. Sections 17611 and 17612 shall not apply to a pesticide product deployed in the form of a self-contained bait or trap, to gel or paste deployed as a crack and crevice treatment, to any pesticide exempted from regulation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 25 (b)), or to antimicrobial pesticides, including sanitizers and disinfectants.

17611. Each schoolsite shall maintain records of all pesticide use at the schoolsite for a period of four years, and shall make this information available to the public, upon request, pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code). A schoolsite may meet the requirements of this section by retaining a copy of the warning sign posted for each application required pursuant to Section 17612, and recording on that copy the amount of the pesticide used.

17612. (a) The school district designee shall annually provide to all staff and parents or guardians of pupils enrolled at a schoolsite a written notification of the name of all pesticide products expected to be applied at the school facility during the upcoming year. The notification shall identify the active ingredient or ingredients in each pesticide product. The notice shall also contain the Internet address used to access information on pesticides and pesticide use reduction developed by the Department of Pesticide Regulation pursuant to Section 13184 of the Food and Agricultural Code and may contain other information deemed necessary by the school district designee. No other written notification of pesticide applications shall be required by this act except as follows:

(1) In the written notification provided pursuant to this subdivision, the school district designee shall provide the opportunity for recipients to register with the school district if they wish to receive notification of individual pesticide applications at the school facility. Persons who register for such notification shall be notified of

individual pesticide applications at least 72 hours prior to the application. The notice shall include the product name, the active ingredient or ingredients in the product, and the intended date of application.

(2) If a pesticide product not included in the annual notification is subsequently intended for use at the schoolsite, the school district designee shall, consistent with this subdivision and at least 72 hours prior to application, provide written notification of its intended use.

(b) The school designee shall make every effort to meet the requirements of this section in the least costly manner. Annual notification to parents and guardians shall be provided pursuant to Section 48980.3. Any other notification shall, to the extent feasible and consistent with the act adding this article, be included as part of any other written communication provided to individual parents or guardians. Nothing in this section shall require the school district designee to issue the notice through first-class mail, unless he or she determines that no other method is feasible.

(c) Pest control measures taken during an emergency condition as defined in Section 17609 shall not be subject to the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a). However, the school district designee shall make every effort to provide the required notification for an application of a pesticide under emergency conditions.

(d) The school district designee shall post each area of the schoolsite where pesticides will be applied with a warning sign. The warning sign shall prominently display the term "Warning/Pesticide Treated Area" and shall include the product name, manufacturer's name, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's product registration number, intended date and areas of application, and reason for the pesticide application. The warning sign shall be visible to all persons entering the treated area and shall be posted 24 hours prior to the application and remain posted until 72 hours after the application. In case of a pest control emergency, the warning sign shall be posted immediately upon application and shall remain posted until 72 hours after the application.

(e) Subdivisions (a) and (d) shall not apply to schools operated by the California Youth Authority. The school administrator of a school operated by the California Youth Authority shall notify the chief medical officer of that facility at least 72 hours prior to application of pesticides. The chief medical officer shall take any steps necessary to protect the health of pupils in that facility.

(f) This section and Section 17611 shall not apply to activities undertaken at a school by participants in the state program of agricultural vocational education, pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 52450) of Chapter 9 of Part 28, if the activities are necessary to meet the curriculum requirements prescribed in Section 52454. Nothing in this subdivision relieves

schools participating in the state program of agricultural vocational education of any duties pursuant to this section for activities that are not directly related to the curriculum requirements of Section 52454.

17613. Section 17612 shall not apply to any agency signatory to a cooperative agreement with the State Department of Health Services pursuant to Section 116180 of the Health and Safety Code.

SEC. 2. Section 48980.3 is added to the Education Code, to read:

48980.3. The notification required pursuant to Section 48980 shall include information regarding pesticide products as specified in subdivision (a) of Section 17612.

SEC. 3. Article 17 (commencing with Section 13180) is added to Chapter 2 of Division 7 of the Food and Agricultural Code, to read:

Article 17. Healthy Schools Act of 2000

13180. This article, Article 4 (commencing with Section 17608) of Chapter 5 of Part 10.5 of the Education Code, and Article 2 (commencing with Section 105500) of Chapter 7 of Division 103 of the Health and Safety Code, shall be known and may be cited as the Healthy Schools Act of 2000.

13181. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of this article, "integrated pest management" means a pest management strategy that focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems through a combination of techniques such as monitoring for pest presence and establishing treatment threshold levels, using nonchemical practices to make the habitat less conducive to pest development, improving sanitation, and employing mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment, are used only after careful monitoring indicates they are needed according to preestablished guidelines and treatment thresholds. This definition shall apply only to integrated pest management at school facilities.

13182. It is the policy of the state that effective least toxic pest management practices should be the preferred method of managing pests at schoolsites and that the state, in order to reduce children's exposure to toxic pesticides, shall take the necessary steps, pursuant to this article, to facilitate the adoption of effective least toxic pest management practices at schoolsites. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage appropriate training to be provided to school personnel involved in the application of pesticide at a schoolsite.

13183. The Department of Pesticide Regulation shall, by July 1, 2001, promote and facilitate the voluntary adoption of integrated pest management programs for all school districts that voluntarily choose to do so. For these school districts, the department shall do all of the following:

(a) Establish an integrated pest management program for school districts consistent with Section 13181. In establishing the program, the department shall:

(1) Develop criteria for identifying least-hazardous pest control practices and encourage their adoption as part of an integrated pest management program at each schoolsite.

(2) Develop a model program guidebook that prescribes essential program elements for a school district that has adopted a least-hazardous integrated pest management program. At a minimum, this guidebook shall include guidance on all of the following:

(A) Adopting an IPM policy.

(B) Selecting and training an IPM coordinator.

(C) Identifying and monitoring pest populations and damage.

(D) Establishing a community-based school district advisory committee.

(E) Developing a pest management plan for making least-hazardous pest control choices.

(F) Contracting for integrated pest management services.

(G) Training and licensing opportunities.

(H) Establishing a community-based right-to-know standard for notification and posting of pesticide applications.

(I) Recordkeeping and program review.

(b) Make the model program guidebook available to school districts and establish a process for systematically updating the guidebook and supporting documentation.

13184. (a) In implementing Section 13183, the department shall establish and maintain an Internet website as a comprehensive directory of resources describing and promoting least-hazardous practices at schoolsites. The website shall also make available an electronic copy of the model program guidebook, its updates, and supporting documentation. The department shall also establish and maintain on its website an easily identified link that provides the public with all appropriate information regarding the public health and environmental impacts of pesticide active ingredients and ways to reduce the use of pesticides at school facilities.

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the state assist school districts to ensure that compliance with Section 17612 of the Education Code is simple and inexpensive. The department shall include in its website Internet-based links that allow schools to properly identify and list the active ingredients of pesticide products they expect to be applied during the upcoming year. Use of these links by schools is not mandatory but shall be made available to all schools at no cost. The department shall ensure that adequate resources are available to respond to inquiries from school facilities or districts regarding the use of integrated pest management practices.

13185. (a) The department shall establish an integrated pest management training program in order to facilitate the adoption of a model IPM program and least-hazardous pest control practices by school districts. In establishing the IPM training program, the department shall do all of the following:

(1) Adopt a "train-the-trainer" approach, whenever feasible, to rapidly and broadly disseminate program information.

(2) Develop curricula and promote ongoing training efforts in cooperation with the University of California and the California State University.

(3) Prioritize outreach on a regional basis first and then to school districts.

(b) Nothing in this article shall preclude a school district from adopting stricter pesticide use policies.

13186. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the Department of Pesticide Regulation, pursuant to Section 12979 of the Food and Agricultural Code and Sections 6624 and 6627 of Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations, requires persons engaged for hire in the business of pest control to maintain records of pesticide use and report a summary of that pesticide use to the county agricultural commissioner or director. The Legislature further finds and declares that it is in the interest of the state, in implementing a school integrated pest management program pursuant to this article, to collect specified information on the use of pesticides at school facilities.

(b) The Department of Pesticide Regulation shall prepare a school pesticide use form to be used by licensed and certified pest control operators when they apply any pesticides at a schoolsite. The form shall include, for each application at a schoolsite, the name and address of the schoolsite, date and location of application, pesticide product name, and the quantity of pesticide used. Nothing in this section shall change any existing applicable pesticide use reporting requirements.

(c) On and after January 1, 2002, persons required to submit pesticide use records to the county agricultural commissioner or director shall complete and submit to the director the school pesticide use forms established pursuant to this section. The forms shall be submitted annually and may be submitted more often at the discretion of the pest control operator maintaining the forms.

13187. Section 13186 shall not apply to any agency signatory to a cooperative agreement with the State Department of Health Services pursuant to Section 116180 of the Health and Safety Code.

13188. The Director of Pesticide Regulation may adopt regulations to implement this article.

SEC. 4. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local

agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims Fund.

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL IPM: A PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In 1993, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) began a pilot program to work with interested school districts to provide them information about integrated pest management (IPM) practices and assist them in developing an IPM program. DPR also conducted an extensive survey of school districts in 1996 to gain information about their IPM policies and practices. Governor Davis felt that IPM in schools was important enough to add a school IPM program to DPR's budget in July 2000, as part of his Children's Health Initiative. Governor Davis later signed Assembly Bill 2260 (the Healthy Schools Act of 2000, Education Code sections 17608-17613 and Food and Agricultural Code sections 13180-13188) into law on September 25, 2000. This law, authored by Assembly Member Kevin Shelley, puts into code DPR's existing voluntary school IPM program and adds some new requirements regarding pesticides, such as notification, posting, and record keeping for schools, and enhanced pesticide use reporting. Most provisions of Assembly Bill 2260 took effect January 1, 2001.

DPR also works with other boards and departments of the California Environmental Protection Agency and with the California Department of Education to tie IPM into related areas such as school gardens and environmental education.

Through its school IPM program, DPR is committed to facilitating voluntary establishment of IPM policies and programs in schools throughout California, while assisting school districts with implementation of the new Education Code requirements. How is DPR helping school districts?

- **Establishing an IPM in Schools Web site.** Visit DPR's Web site, www.cdpr.ca.gov (click on the School IPM link), where you can download samples of letters to parents about expected pesticide use and the registry, and a template for the warning sign. Keep checking the Web site for additional information. In the future, DPR will provide information on least-toxic pest management alternatives.
- **Identifying and training individuals designated by school districts to carry out school IPM.** DPR will conduct voluntary train-the-trainer programs so that those who carry out the IPM program understand principles of IPM and can train staff. DPR will also host regional workshops that showcase model IPM programs and provide hands-on experience.
- **Assisting districts to establish IPM policies and programs.** Some school districts already are working with DPR to establish IPM programs. Currently, DPR is working with California Department of Education and will soon post information on its Web site about pilot programs. In addition, DPR publicizes its school IPM program at meetings attended by maintenance and operations directors and their staff, school administrators, educators, and parents.
- **Developing an IPM guidebook.** DPR will tailor an existing school IPM guidebook to conditions in California. Pests to be covered include insects, mites, rodents, birds, diseases of landscape plants and turf, and weeds.
- **Evaluating IPM adoption in schools.** Baseline and follow-up surveys will help DPR measure IPM adoption in schools, evaluate what kind of outreach school districts need, and whether or not this outreach has been effective.

In addition to the activities outlined above, the law adds certain requirements to the Education Code (EC sections 17608-17613) to be implemented for the first time in the 2001-2002 school year:

- Each school district shall annually **provide written notification** with specified information on pesticides to all school staff and parents or guardians of students. The school district shall identify in

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL IPM: A PROGRAM OVERVIEW

this written notification all pesticide products (some products are exempt) it expects to be applied by district staff or an outside contractor in the upcoming year, and the Internet address to DPR's School IPM Program Web site (see below). (One way the school district may accomplish this is by including the information in written notices it already provides annually to staff and parents.)

- Each school shall provide the opportunity for interested staff and parents to **register** with the school district if they want to be notified of individual pesticide applications at the school before they occur.
- The school district shall **post warning signs** at each area of the school where pesticides will be applied. These signs are posted 24 hours in advance and 72 hours after applications and should be sufficient, in the district's opinion, to restrict uninformed access to treated areas.
- Each school shall **maintain records** of all pesticide use at the school for four years and make the records available to the public upon request.
- Each school district is to designate an individual (also known as an **IPM coordinator**) to carry out these requirements.

For more information about these requirements, please contact Tony Hesch, California Department of Education, at (916) 445-5729 or thesch@cde.ca.gov. To assist school districts, DPR has posted on its Web site samples of the annual notification and the register, and a template of the warning sign. These documents can be downloaded at www.cdpr.ca.gov (click on the School IPM link).

The new law (Food and Agricultural Code section 13186) requires that:

- **Licensed pest control businesses shall report pesticide applications** by school annually to the Director of the Department of Pesticide Regulation beginning with applications made on or after January 1, 2002.

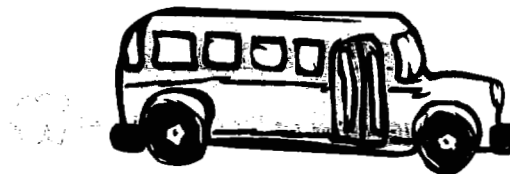
The law (Food and Agricultural Code sections 13180-13185) also adds certain requirements of DPR:

- DPR shall prepare a **school pesticide use reporting form** to be used by licensed pest control businesses when they apply any pesticides at a school. Licensed pest control businesses must submit the form to DPR at least annually.
- DPR shall establish and maintain a **school IPM Web site** that contains information on pesticide products, a comprehensive directory of resources describing and promoting least-hazardous pest management practices at schools, the model program guidebook, and ways to reduce the use of pesticides at school facilities. It also provides the public with information about public health and environmental impacts of pesticides.
- DPR shall **promote and facilitate the voluntary adoption of IPM programs** for school districts that voluntarily choose to do so, while it assists all school districts to comply with the new provisions of the Education Code.

For more information about these requirements, please contact Nita Davidson at DPR at (916) 324-4100 or school_ipm@empm.cdpr.ca.gov.

For a copy of Assembly Bill 2260 (Chapter 718, Statutes of 2000), see <http://www.assembly.ca.gov/acs/acsframeset2text.htm>.

May 17, 2001



School IPM Program

(IPM or Integrated Pest Management)

*The information on this Web site is under development, and as such, is subject to change.
It is being provided to help school districts comply with the requirements of AB 2260.*

Recently, Governor Davis signed into law the Healthy Schools Act of 2000 ([Assembly Bill 2260](#)). This law puts into code DPR's existing voluntary school IPM program and adds some requirements for schools, such as parental notification of pesticide application, warning signs, record keeping at schools and pesticide use reporting by licensed pest control businesses which apply pesticides at schools. DPR is committed to facilitating voluntary adoption of IPM policies and programs in schools throughout California. To do this, DPR will be assisting school districts with their implementation of the new Education and Food & Agricultural Code requirements. Traditionally, laws concerning the use of pesticides are found in the California Food and Agricultural Code with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and the County Agricultural Commissioners serving as the enforcing agencies. Many of the requirements of the Healthy Schools Act of 2000 (AB 2260), including notification, posting and on-site record keeping are found in the Education Code, and thereby not enforced by DPR or the County Agricultural Commissioners.

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Program Overview

Sample Documents for use by School Districts:

- Sample information sheet about AB 2260
- Sample letter explaining written notification about expected pesticide use and registry
- Sample annual notification of pesticide usage
- Sample notice for specific pesticide application
- Sample pesticide application sign for posting
- **Coming soon:**
 - Sample school board IPM policy

Training Opportunities

- DPR's Upcoming Presentation on the Healthy Schools Act (coming soon)
- [IPM Workshop in San Diego on June 5, 2001](#)

[DPR Registration Branch Chemical Ingredients Query](#)

[Overview of Pest Management Policies, Programs, and Practices in Selected California Public School Districts, 1996](#)

[DPR's Pest Management Strategy](#)

[School Integrated Pest Management Advisory Group](#)

[Least-toxic alternatives for Argentine ants, fleas, and white grubs of lawns.](#)

[DPR's Pesticide Fact Sheets](#)
[What is a Pesticide?](#)

Coming soon:

Programs at DPR related to School IPM

FAQs about the School IPM Program

Integrated Pest Management for Schools: Training Curriculum Outline

IPM Innovators in Schools

Additional links to School IPM Information:

[US-EPA IPM for Schools How-To Manual](#)

[Text of AB 2260 Healthy Schools Act of 2000](#)

[California Department of Education homepage](#)

[Florida School IPM program homepage](#)

[Wisconsin School IPM Manual](#)

[UC IPM guidelines for home, garden, turf and ornamental landscape pests](#)

[Home to Ocean Workbook to help protect water quality by promoting safe use and disposal of pesticides in homes and gardens](#)

[EXTOXNET](#), science-based pesticide information for non-experts, a cooperative effort between Oregon State University, University of California, Davis and other universities

Material Safety Data Sheets Web links (for information about a specific chemical):

[Vermont Safety Information Sources, by the University of Vermont](#)

[UC Riverside Environmental Health and Safety](#)

[Cornell MSDS Search](#)

[US-EPA Chemical References](#)

(This document can be downloaded from www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/schools/infosheet.pdf)

Suggested Information Sheet for Schools to Provide to Parents Regarding AB 2260, the Healthy Schools Act of 2000

In September 2000, Governor Davis signed into law the Healthy Schools Act of 2000 (Assembly Bill 2260). This law requires schools to notify parents, guardians and school employees about pesticides used in their schools, and requires the Department of Pesticide Regulation to promote the voluntary adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) practices in California schools. Most provisions of the law take effect 1 January 2001. Each school district is to implement the following requirements of the law:

- Notification of all pesticide products the school district expects to use on school grounds must be sent annually to parents or guardians of all students. These products include over-the-counter pesticides available at retail outlets, but do not include certain products exempted under the law. The notifications must list the active ingredients in each pesticide product and the Internet address for the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to access additional information. Visit DPR's Web site at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov> and click on School IPM Program.
- Each school will establish a list of parents or guardians who want to be notified before individual pesticide applications are made.
- Each school district will ensure that warning notices are posted in areas where pesticides will be applied. These signs will be posted 24 hours in advance and 72 hours after application of pesticides, and will contain information as specified in the law.
- Each school will maintain records of all pesticide use at the school for four years and the records will be available to the public upon request.

For more information, contact your local school district.

The Department of Pesticide Regulation's school IPM program aims to promote and facilitate the voluntary adoption of IPM programs.

- DPR will develop a model IPM program guidebook that reflects conditions in California.
- DPR will establish and maintain an Internet Web site that functions as a comprehensive directory of IPM resources.
- DPR will assist school districts to establish IPM policies and programs.

(This document can be downloaded from www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/schools/infosheet.pdf)

- DPR will establish an IPM training program for individuals designated by the districts to be in charge of pest management.

For more information, go to <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/> and click on School IPM Program, or email DPR at school_ipm@empm.cdpr.ca.gov.

(This document can be downloaded from www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/schools/letter.pdf)
Sample letter explaining annual written notification and individual application registry:
For parents

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 was signed into law in September 2000 and requires that all schools provide parents or guardians of students with annual written notification of expected pesticide use on school sites. The notification will identify the active ingredient or ingredients in each pesticide product and will include the Internet address (<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>) for further information on pesticides and their alternatives. We will send out annual notifications starting [FILL IN DATE].

Parents or guardians may request prior notification of individual pesticide applications at the school site. Beginning [FILL IN DATE], people listed on this registry will be notified at least 72 hours before pesticides are applied. If you would like to be notified every time we apply a pesticide, please complete and return the form below and mail it to:[SCHOOL OFFICIAL, ADDRESS].

If you have any questions, please contact [SCHOOL OFFICIAL] at [PHONE].

Sincerely,

[NAME OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL]

REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION

[NAME OF SCHOOL]

I understand that, upon request, the school district is required to supply information about individual pesticide applications at least 72 hours before application. I would like to be notified before each pesticide application at this school.

I would prefer to be contacted by (circle one): U.S. Mail E-mail Phone

Please print neatly:

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone:() _____ Evening Phone:() _____

E-mail: _____

Return to [SCHOOL CONTACT NAME, ADDRESS]

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 requires all California school districts to notify parents and guardians of pesticides they expect to apply during the year. We intend to use the following pesticides in your school this year:

Name of Pesticide	Active Ingredient(s)

You can find more information regarding these pesticides and pesticide use reduction at the Department of Pesticide Regulation's Web site at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov>

If you have any questions, please contact [NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIAL] at [PHONE].

(This document can be downloaded from www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/schools/spec_app.pdf)
Sample notice for specific pesticide application

Dear Parent or Guardian,

At your request, we are writing to notify you about a specific pesticide application(s) at your school. Please see below for detailed information. If you would like to see the Material Safety Data Sheet for this chemical, it is available at [SCHOOL LOCATION]. If you have any questions, please contact [SCHOOL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE NAME] at [PHONE].

Sincerely,

[NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIAL]

Notice of Pesticide Application

Date Form Completed: _____

School Name: _____

Location of Planned Pesticide Application: _____

Building Name/Number: _____

Playground or Grounds Section: _____

Name of Pesticide To Be Applied: _____

Active Ingredient(s): _____

Planned Date/Time of Pesticide Application: _____

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WARNING

PESTICIDE-TREATED AREA

ADVERTENCIA

AREA TRATADA CON PESTICIDA

NAME OF PESTICIDE**NOMBRE DEL PESTICIDA**

1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4

MANUFACTURER'S NAME; USEPA REGISTRATION No.**NOMBRE DEL FABRICANTE; No. DE REGISTRO DE USEPA**

1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4

INTENDED APPLICATION DATE**FECHA PROPUESTA DE APLICACION**

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APPLICATION DATE**FECHA DE LA APLICACION**

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TREATED AREAS; REASON FOR TREATMENT**AREAS TRATADAS; RAZON DE LA APLICACION**

School Name:**Nombre de la Escuela:**

ALWAYS BE SAFE

1. If you need more information ask

Name:

Title:

2. Do not play on the treated area

3. Wash your hands and exposed skin
if you touch the treated area

1. Si necesita más información pregunte

Nombre:

Título:

2. No juegue en el área tratada

3. Lávese las manos y la piel expuesta si
usted toca el área tratada

For record keeping only per Education Code requirement

Amount of Pesticide Used:

DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION--UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS ON THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT (5/15/01)

Date (2001)	Organization & event	Location	Topic(s) presented	Contact
June 5	University of California Cooperative Extension IPM Training on School & Landscape	San Diego	What Does the Healthy Schools Act Really Mean? 45 min.	Dr. Cheryl Wilen Area IPM Advisor, UCCE San Diego, Orange & Los Angeles counties 858/694-2849
June 27	PAPA Seminar	Ventura	How the Healthy Schools Act will change pest management in schools; components of DPR's program; introductory IPM. 1 hr.	Betty Dolcater PAPA Seminar Coordinator 661/665-1652
June 28	PAPA Seminar	Concord	See June 27.	Charlotte Carson PAPA Seminar Coordinator 916/487-8552
August 9	PAPA Seminar	San Diego	See June 27.	Betty Dolcater PAPA Seminar Coordinator 661/665-1652

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